

# The Good Book

## The Origins of the Bible

### Reading - Psalm 119:1-8 (The Message)

*1-8 You're blessed when you stay on course,  
walking steadily on the road revealed by God.  
You're blessed when you follow his directions,  
doing your best to find him.  
That's right—you don't go off on your own;  
you walk straight along the road he set.  
You, God, prescribed the right way to live;  
now you expect us to live it.  
Oh, that my steps might be steady,  
keeping to the course you set;  
Then I'd never have any regrets  
in comparing my life with your counsel.  
I thank you for speaking straight from your heart;  
I learn the pattern of your righteous ways.  
I'm going to do what you tell me to do;  
don't ever walk off and leave me.*

Use this week to catch up on any studies that you have missed as a group over the last month. Alternatively, below is a bible study method that you can use as group to help study either Sunday's passage or a passage from the daily reading plan from the last week.

### Discovery Bible Method

Discovery Bible Method (DBM) allows participants to discover God's truth for themselves, rather than relying on a leader. As the leader, you are there to empower them and to pray, not to have all the answers. The DBM method is as simple as A-B-C

#### Ask

Ask each person how they went with the previous week's commitment.

"How did you go with \_\_\_\_\_?"

"Who did you tell?"

#### Bible

Choose a short passage from the Bible (around 5-10 verses). Have someone read it aloud, then ask someone else to re-read the passage. Have the participants retell the story from memory. Spend some minutes silently reading the passage again. Silently pray for God to speak directly from the passage. Ask open-ended questions, such as:

"What do you see?"

"What does this say about God?"

"What does this say about us?"

"What is God saying to you?"

Let the participants do most of the talking and don't be afraid of silences.

If the session veers off course, you can ask,

"Where do you see that in the Bible?"

### **Commit**

Let them suggest their own commitment to whatever God is saying to them.

Ask them:

“What are you going to do?”

“Who are you going to tell?”

### **Things to pray for:**

Prayer points for church taken from our prayer diary;

- The Persecuted Church - For God's protection on those who are persecuted for their faith, particularly where there is intense persecution: North Korea, Afghanistan, Somalia, Libya, Pakistan, Sudan, Eritrea, Yemen, Iran, India and Syria.
- Youth and Children's Ministry - For the continued development of our work in schools in the local area. For the growth of our outreach groups: Toddle In, Together, My Space and Just Girls. For those who lead in our children's, youth or family groups.
- The Manna House Counselling Service - For strength, support and wisdom for the counsellors. For additional funding and resources. For students on counselling courses and their teachers.